

# The Goodwill Messenger

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*Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here*

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## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

A month after the 9/11 attacks, our then-Congressman John Olver said before a packed crowd gathered at my church, "If the U.S. invades Iraq, it will only create 10,000 more jihadists committed to fighting us." I wrote his words down thinking, "That makes sense." At the time, it was costing the U.N. less than \$20 million annually to contain Saddam Hussein with its no-fly zones, sanctions, etc.

Since then, the U.S. has spent nearly \$2,000,000,000,000 on Iraq, averaging \$140 billion annually. That number is expected to more than double by 2050 given interest payments on war debt and expenses for U.S.-Iraq war veterans. Meanwhile, the war caused over 4000 American deaths to go with the nearly 500,000 Iraqis killed. Another 30,000 Americans were physically wounded; over a million Iraqis have been internally displaced as war refugees. One academic study suggests 1 in 3 Iraq-war veterans have significant mental health effects, PTSD accounting for about half of those.

The result? One of the most barbarous militarized reactions ever in ISIS and its allied fighters, numbering ... 20,000. Many using American equipment! As the news rolls out of that region, I still have to make an effort not to be shocked. "... it will only create 10,000 more jihadists...."

Pete Seeger wrote on his banjo, "This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender." We will have to play our love music very hard and long to surround this much hate and heal this much war wound. But that's what we do at our services, at Friday Nite Café, with Greenwood and Village Harmony kids in Cummington, at the Messiah sing: we send out love and peace to surround all hateful wreckage, be it from war-making overseas or the zealotry it feeds. Let us sing and play on.

In faith and service,  
Rev. Jon

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## Village Church Seeking Organist

The Village Church in Cummington seeks a permanent, part-time organist for 10 AM services the first and third Sunday mornings of the month, September to June, as well as Christmas Eve and other possible occasions. We have a Pomplitz pipe organ. Applicant should be able to conduct an occasional choir.

We are an open and affirming inter-denominational church. Send applications to Village Church, Box 76, Cummington, MA, 01026, by June 7, 2015. Phone inquiries to 413-634-5320. Send applications to Village Church, Box 76, Cummington, MA, 01026 by June 7, 2015. Phone inquiries to 413-634-5320.

On Sunday June 7, there will be a good-bye appreciation party for Heather, our departing organist, after church

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## Greenwood Music Campers Cometh!

Along with inviting friends and family to our July Greenwood services, please consider hosting a set of Greenwood parents for the August 2nd-3rd parents weekend (they arrive Sat. PM and depart Sunday morning). Along with meeting nice folks and offering small town hospitality, this serves as a fundraiser for the church: in lieu of payment for this B&B arrangement, we ask for a donation to Village Church. Contact Rev. Jon if you're willing (jonrehmus@gmail.com; 413-624-3025).

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## Village Harmony to Perform

Support another great group of musical young people. Village Harmony will present a concert at the West Cummington Church, Sunday, June 7 at 7:30 PM. Come and hear some wonderful music!

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## June At the Village Church

June 7—Service 10 AM—Farewell appreciation for Heather

June 4, 18, 25—Minister in Office, 4–5:30 PM

Meditation, 5:45–6:15 PM

June 12—Friday Night Café—8 PM, Beatles Night with Dave Stern—Celebrating 50 years since Rubber Soul

June 14—Flag Day

June 19—3rd Friday music jam 7:00–10:00 PM

June 21—Service 10 AM

NOTICE! Annual Church Meeting after Service

June 21—HAPPY Father's DAY!!

June 26—Friday Night Café—8 PM, Josh Wachtel, solo performance—Where Old and New Weird America meet

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## Berkshire Trail Opens its Doors to Say Goodbye to the Community

Let's celebrate who we are as a school community and continue to make those lasting memories.

On June 12th at 5:30 PM we invite town residents to attend our Celebration of Learning. Students in grades Pre-K through 5 will share some of the class work that they have recently completed. Immediately following the "open house" we will all gather at the pavilion in the park for a family and friends picnic. Everyone is invited. You will be responsible for bringing your own dinner. The Berkshire Trail PTO will end the evening with dessert—their famed ice cream sundaes!

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Please check out the Village Church website  
[cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)

## From the Librarian's Desk

I forgot to mention last month that our computer class was a big success. Ken and Rosemary Graf did a great job instructing students on the multitude of possibilities that exist in the computer world. I'd like to thank them for their efforts. All of the students wished it could've continued.

We now have a pass for the Clark Museum in Williamstown. However, unlike those we've had in the past which were good for two admissions, the new one only admits a single person. Not quite as good as before, but still not a bad deal. As a logger I used to work with someone named Sonny Butler who was fond of saying "It sure beats a sharp stick in the eye."

Don't forget we also have the Smith College Museum of Art pass, which is good for a whopping eight admissions at once. Other than a school outing it's actually kind of hard to imagine eight people heading to a museum at the same time...

See you at the library!  
Mark

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## Bryant Homestead Tour Family Day

Saturday, June 20, 12-4 PM, and during the summer on the 3rd Saturday of the month, you can explore the home of William Cullen Bryant—a renowned artist, activist and conservationist. A fun look into the past suitable for all ages. Trustees of Reservations Members and kids 12 and under—FREE. Non-members: \$10.

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## Bryant Day Celebration

The Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 18, 10 AM-4 PM. The day includes: Civil War re-enactors, storytelling, singing, a concert by the Hilltown Choral Society and the Ne'er Do Wells, children's activities, a book booth with Storey Publishing, spinners, weavers, period crafts and a quilt show. Bring a picnic lunch or sample from available food for sale. Self-guided tours of the old-growth forest and guided house tours will be offered throughout the day. Trustees Members and Nonmembers: \$5.

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## Hilltown Choral Society

The Hilltown Choral Society will start rehearsing for its summer program on Monday evening, June 1st, at 7:00 PM at the Worthington Historical Building at the intersection of Routes 143 and 112. If you miss the first rehearsal, please join us at our second rehearsal on Monday, June 8th.

The program will be held on Saturday, July 18, on Bryant Day at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead. If you are interested in singing with us, please contact Jeff Hunt, Director, at 413-499-7320 or Elaine Holder at 634-5353.

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July GWM deadline is June 25.

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Visit VC Church website at [cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)  
FNC: <http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html>

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The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the July issue is June 25. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at [mrbluoz@verizon.net](mailto:mrbluoz@verizon.net) or Pat at [patakeith@gmail.com](mailto:patakeith@gmail.com), mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entryway of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

## A PUBLIC READING and BOOK RELEASE

TALES OF A WAYSIDE COMMUNITY

Frances Henry will read essays and show slides concerning the Guyettes, farmers of Plainfield. These essays and four others are available in *Tales of A Wayside Community*, published this month by East Branch Press of Cummington.

The Guyettes farmed their Plainfield property from the 1930s through the turn of the century. In *Tales of A Wayside Community*, former neighbor and friend Frances Henry publishes three essays about them and their hard-working ways.

The reading will be Sunday, June 14, 4:00 PM, Plainfield Town Hall, Route 116, Plainfield. Join us to enjoy a sample of these stories.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Frances Henry at 413 634 5072 or [frances.w.henry@gmail.com](mailto:frances.w.henry@gmail.com)

Co-Sponsored by Franklin Land Trust and Plainfield Historical Society

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## Phyllis Mongue Dies in Georgia

It saddens me to let you know on May 16, 2015, Mom passed away at home. Over the past few months her quality of life had not been the best, but now she is with Dad, who ironically passed away on May 16, 1995. They are back together again after 20 years and in no pain.

I have been watching over Mom since Dad passed, and of late with her Alzheimer's, care has been full time and at times a challenge, so I will have some adjustments in my life to make, but I would not change a thing. She did not want any services but felt a simple note would be nice. Thank you for being a part of her life and only remember her as she was when life was good.

God bless you, Larry Mongue.

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## Friday Night Café

Please note: June 12 & 26 performances will be 8 PM to 10 PM!

June 12—Beatles Night with Dave Stern—Celebrating 50 years since Rubber Soul! 50 years, can you believe it? (You GenXers and Millennials—just shut up)

June 19—Jam, Bring an instrument & a song or just come & listen. All levels welcome (7-10) contact John or Peg @ 634-5398

June 26—Josh Wachtel, solo performance—Where Old and New Weird America meet.

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## Kingman Tavern, Cummington's Historical Museum

We welcome one and all to our 2015 season on July 11 from 2-5 PM. Come take a tour and see all the local history you may ever need or want. Folks from far & wide come to visit & leave absolutely amazed at what they learn & see. Haven't ever visited? Lived in town for how many years? Really? Do plan a visit, you will not be disappointed. Refreshments are served on the lawn & picnicking is encouraged. We will be open every Saturday 2-5 PM, from July 11-August 29.

Volunteers are still needed & will be given a \$15.00 gift certificate at the Creamery for each afternoon of volunteering. It is easy & fun! Garden helpers too!

We are also looking for a guide(s) with an interest in farming & other areas of local interest to be stationed in the barn. Hourly rate for guides is \$15.00 per hour.

Please call Pat at 413-563-1981 for more information.



## Wired West Needs You!

For those of you who haven't signed up for Wired West yet, now is the perfect time.

As of the middle of May, we need only 60 more people to reach our goal of 45% of households. Join your friends and neighbors and make it 100%!

Locally, WW has 9 of 33 towns that have reached their goal of 100% signups. In addition, many of these towns have passed both the authorization to borrow and the debt exclusion votes. So we are on a roll!

You can sign up in various ways:

- Pick up an application form at the Community House. A box of applications is located on the left hand side of the entryway on the floor. Return with your check in the envelope provided.

- Go to [www.wiredwest.net](http://www.wiredwest.net) and sign up online.

- Email [cummingtonwwc@gmail.com](mailto:cummingtonwwc@gmail.com) requesting a packet and we will mail it to you.

If you have any questions, please call any one of the committee members listed below:

Brenda Arbib	512-0842	Allan Douglas	634-5372
Donna Douglas	634-5372	Pat Keith	563-1981
Carla Ness	695-5669		

For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Kathy Harrison at 634-5631, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041 or Pat Keith 634-5084 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

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## Lunch Bunch

The Cummington Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting on June 10 at the Snack Shack in Haydenville.

We will be leaving the Village Church at 11 AM (note time change) so as to arrive before the lunch crowd. Call Edith at 634-5557 for further information.

## Board of Health News

The Cummington Board of Health would like to thank the Highway Department for preparing a spot for Cummington's new BOOK BIN and to thank Cummington Supply for putting the new bin in place. This is by way of announcing the addition of a book recycling bin now available at the Transfer Station. We might add that the bin also includes clothes but the board wishes the bin to be used ONLY for books.

—Judi Bogart, Board of Health

### Shirley Todd



Integrative Acupressure  
Cranio Sacral Therapy  
Reiki

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and Northampton  
413-634-2134

## BASIC GOODS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

At the **OLD CREAMERY CO-OP** we want to make healthy food choices available to all in our community at affordable prices. We have chosen to take a reduced margin on many basic staple foods. Often choices are organic but still very affordable.

All of our Basics are identifiable by a  
**BRIGHT RED shelf tag**

## BASICS OFFERINGS INCLUDE

### Bulk Department

Brown Rice, Short Grain Eco-farm  
Green Lentils OG = (Organic)  
Rolled Oats OG  
All Purpose White Flour  
Whole Wheat Flour OG  
Thompson Raisins OG  
Sugar, Cane OG  
Walnuts, halves/pieces  
Almonds

### Grocery

Apple Juice  
Baby Food OG  
Cranberry Juice  
Canned Beans OG  
Refried Beans OG  
Cereal OG  
Fruit Jam OG  
Mayonnaise  
Mustard OG  
Ex. Virgin Olive Oil  
Pasta OG  
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Peanut Butter OG  
Canned Tomatoes  
Tomato Sauce  
Stock, Veg OG  
Stock, Chicken OG  
Salad Dressing  
Box Mac & Cheese  
Crackers, baked  
Salsa  
Vinegar, Cider OG  
Vinegar, Bals OG  
Tamari, OG  
Sunflower Oil

### Refrigerated

Tofu, Extra firm OG  
Orange Juice  
Yogurt, Low fat OG  
Yogurt, Whole OG  
Butter, Unsalted  
Bacon

### Frozen

Tortilla, Flour  
Tortilla Corn  
Blueberries  
Corn OG

### Household Supplies

Toilet Paper  
Laundry Liquid  
Dish Liquid

### Health/Beauty

Soap  
Shampoo  
Lotion  
Toothpaste

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*Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Finance Office (Tax Collector, Treas., Acct.) open 6–7 PM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Transfer Station open 7–11 AM
Veterans Agent 9–11 AM	Board of Health 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. 7 PM (2nd floor)	Council on Aging Office Hours 9–noon (rear of the C.H.)	Town Clerk 6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Bryant Library open 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Assessor Office Hours 9:30–11:30 AM (upstairs in C.H.)		Bryant Library open 6–9 PM	Selectboard meets 7 PM		
Bryant Library open 6–9 PM		Transfer Station open 5:30–7:30 PM	Building Inspector 7–9 PM (upstairs in C. H.)		
		Planning Board 2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM	Board of Assessors meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6–8 PM		

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**Free computer services offered by Ken Graf to Cummington senior citizens**

634-8860

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